

FY 2006 RANKING CRITERIA WORKSHEET- GRAZING LANDS

Socorro FIELD OFFICE

Applicant: _____ Farm No. _____ Tract No. _____ CMS Field No's. _____ Date: _____

Tribal Land _____ Non-Tribal Land _____ Preliminary Rating _____ Final Rating _____

1. Plants -- 40 -- Potential Points (31% of Total)

Note: Instructions on separate sheet				Potential Points		After Points
Rangelands:			Departure from Expected			
Rangeland:	Biotic Integrity		(N-S) (S-M)	5		
Health	Biotic Integrity		(M) (M-E) (E)	10		
Attribute	Hydrologic Function		(N-S) (S-M)	5		
Rating	Hydrologic Function		(M) (M-E) (E)	10		
	Soil and Site Stability		(N-S) (S-M)	5		
	Soil and Site Stability		(M) (M-E) (E)	10		
Riparian:	Use Attachment 1, 2, or 3	% Quality Bench Mark: _____ %	% Quality After: _____ %	10		
Grazed Forest:	NA	% Quality Bench Mark: _____ %	% Quality After: _____ %	NA		
1. Plants Total				Total:		

2. Conservation Practice(s) Selection -- 65 -- Potential Points (46% of Total)

Any practice used in the ranking criteria and intended to be included in the conservation plan of operations must be a cost-shared practice or have an incentive payment. Higher priority (value) should be given to those practices which address multiple resource concerns, are cost effective, and have longer life spans. Select resource concerns from NM Quality Criteria Guide.				Potential Points	Percent of Need to be Installed	After Points
Soil Erosion: Sheet and Rill and/or Wind						
Fencing (382)				3		
Brush Management (314)				7		
Grade Stabilization Structure (410) or other Erosion control practice				2		
Livestock water development or improvement: Well (642), Pipeline (516), Tank/Trough (614), Pumping Plant (533), or Pond (378)				5		
Water Quantity: Excessive Runoff, Flooding, or Ponding						
Brush Management (314)				7		
Water Quality: Excessive suspended sediment and turbidity in surface water						
Brush Management (314)				7		
Grade Stabilization Structure (410) or other Erosion control practice				2		
Air Quality: Particulate matter <10 micrometers in diameter (PM10)						
Range Planting (550) or Critical Area Planting (342)				6		
Brush Management (314)				3		
Plant Condition: Productivity, Health, and Vigor						
Range Planting (550) and/or Fencing (382)				3		
Brush Management (314)				7		
Domestic/ Wildlife Animals: Inadequate water						
Livestock water development or improvement: Well (642), Pipeline (516), Tank/Trough (614), Pumping Plant (533), or Pond (378)				10		
2. Conservation Practice Selection				Total:		

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3. Other Considerations -- 25 -- Potential Points (18% of Total)

Items A thru D are required. If there are other criteria the D.C. wants to <u>recommend</u> based on LWG advice, please include them as item E.	Potential Points	Bench-mark Points	After Points
A. At risk species habitat will be enhanced. (List the species impacted)	5		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	5		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active or planned sec. 309 project.	5		
D. The land is within a NMED designated Category I watershed.	5		
E. Class A and/or B noxious weeds exist in the contracted area and will be controlled.	5		
3. Other Considerations	Total:		

Total Points (After minus Benchmark): Section 1 _____ Section 2 _____ Section 3 _____ Total for Worksheet _____ *

***A minimum of _____ total points is required to be considered for contract selection.**

Designated Conservationist

Date

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